

REMARKS

Status of Claims

The Office Action mailed July 13, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Each of claims 1–2 and 5–33 stands rejected. Claims 1–8 and 16–33 are cancelled and new claims 34–38 are added. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 16-24, 26, 27, and 29–33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Taylor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,560,641).

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 16-24, 26, 27, and 29–33 are cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 16-24, 26, 27, and 29–33 in a continuation application. Accordingly, the 102(b) rejection should be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of Kataoka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,270,752)

Claim 7 is cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claim 7 in a continuation application. Accordingly, the 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-12 and 15 are allowed. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of this application because all claims presented in this application contain the subject matter of claims 9-12 and 15.

New Claims

Claims 34–38 are added to further define the scope of the claimed invention. Claims 34–38 incorporate the subject matter of claims 9-12 and 15. Claims 34–38 present the elements of claims 9-12 and 15 in a different statutory class, i.e., a computer-storage medium class. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the new claims 34–38 because they incorporate the elements of claims 9-12 and 15 and they do not present new issues.

CONCLUSION

As set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that this application be allowed and passed to issue. Should, however, any issues remain prior to issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned to resolve the same. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112 referencing Attorney Docket No. MFCP.108794.

Respectfully submitted,

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